IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH OCTOBER 2007 / 2ND KARTHIKA 1929

WP(C).No. 30670 of 2007(A)

PETITIONER:

C. MADHU,
AMBADY, CHIRAKKARA THAZHAM, PARAVOOR, KOLLAM DIST.

BY ADV. SRI. P. SIVARAJ

RESPONDENT:

THE GEOLOGIST,
DEPARTMENT OF MINING & GEOLOGY,
CIVIL STATION, KOLLAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. I.V. PRAMOD.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 24/10/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

WP(C) No. 30670 of 2007

Dated, this the 24th day of October, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The prayer made in the writ petition is to direct the respondent to consider the application submitted by the petitioner as per Rule 10 of the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules for renewal of quarrying permit held by him. Though the petitioner has not produced the copy of the application stated to have been made, but however referring to Ext.P2 chalan receipt, petitioner submits that an application has been made and that the same has not been considered by the respondent till date. The petitioner also submits that by Ext.P3, he has obtained a consent to operate the plant from the Kerala State Pollution Control Board. On this basis, it is submitted that there is no justification for not granting renewal.

2. Since the petitioner submits that the application made by him for renewal of quarrying permit is pending with the respondent, I am not inclined to consider the contentions of the petitioner on merits. The respondent shall consider the application stated to have been made by the petitioner for renewal of the quarrying permit as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this

judgment, if the said application has been received and the same is pending.

3. The petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment before the respondent for compliance.

This writ petition is disposed of as above.

(ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE)

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